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## **Statewide School Calendar Public Meeting Schedule**

**MONTPELIER** – The Department of Education will be hosting five public meetings across the state to take public input on the development of a statewide school calendar. Students, parents, educators, school board members, community members, businesses, legislators and school administrators are encouraged to attend.

Act 31 of the 2007 General Assembly requires the development of a statewide student attendance calendar to be acted upon by the State Board of Education by January 30, 2008. Required elements include:

- The first three days of school for students will be the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday prior to Labor Day.
- Five common in-service education days, one of which will be organized by the Department of Education and conducted at regional sites throughout the state.
- 175 common student attendance days.

Suggested items of the legislation include:

• Consideration of a one-week period of vacation between January 2nd and April 30th which may be scheduled to occur during the week of town meeting.

Effective date: The 2009-2010 school year.

The committee has drafted three calendars that would represent possible considerations for discussion purposes, which will be presented at the meetings.

Statewide Calendar Meetings Location	Date (All meetings held from 6:30 – 8 p.m.)
Montpelier High School (Library) 5 High School Drive, Montpelier	10/24
North Country Union High School (Library) 209 Veterans Ave., Newport	10/25
Southwest Vermont Career Development Center (Assembly Room) 321 Park Street, Bennington	11/14
River Valley Technical Center (River Valley Café) 307 South Street, Springfield	11/15
Ctr. for Technology, (Cafeteria) 3 Educational Drive, Essex Junction	11/13